

Daily Eagle

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CARL SWENSSON

The announcement of the death of Dr. Carl Swenson, the founder and president of Bethany College, of Lindborg, came as a great shock to a very large number of Kansas people. Swenson, physically, was simply a magnificent specimen of manhood; mentally, an ideal. He was an orator, poet and musician; a persuasive preacher, a writer of hymns and a patron of song. Among and with the Swedes and other Scandinavians, who on becoming citizens of the United States found homes in Kansas, Carl Swenson was an oracle, politically and religiously. He founded a really great and high grade educational institution in a little inland prairie town, its only advantage inhering in the fact that the nationality of its citizens and of the surrounding country was the same as that of the optimistic and enthusiastic Swenson. So admired was he by King Oscar of Sweden, so esteemed for the work he was doing for Sweden in America, that Sweden's ruler knighted him. Swenson was at home two weeks, ago hearty and happy, at which time he went to San Francisco to dedicate a Swedish church. Coming down to Los Angeles for a few days' visit, he was attacked with pneumonia, dying Tuesday morning shortly after his family had been notified of his illness and before Mrs. Swenson could reach him. In fact, she got no farther than Newton, a few miles from her home, where she was notified of what seems more like a tragedy than a sequent event.

Dr. Swenson, who was but 48 years old, was a personal friend of President Roosevelt, who was informed by wire of Dr. Swenson's death. President Francis of the St. Louis World's Fair had asked him recently to dedicate the fair with a prayer. He was married in 1880 to Miss Alma Lind of Moline, Ill., who with two daughters survives him.

Dr. Swenson was born at Sugar Grove, Pa., in 1857. His parents were from Sweden. He was graduated from Augustana college in Rock Island, Ill., in 1877, and studied later at the University of Upsala in Sweden. He studied theology and had been a pastor in the Lutheran church since 1879. He was president of the general council of the Lutheran church of North America in 1893-94. Dr. Swenson was also a member of the Kansas legislature in 1893-94. Dr. Swenson was a Republican and was a delegate to the national convention in St. Louis in 1896. He was the author of several books of hymns.

In his sudden demise the mainstay of Bethany has been pulled down. He will not only be missed by that institution, and regretted by the Swedes of the west, but his death will be deplored by many men and women of Kansas. He will be buried at his Lindborg home, mourned by the people of the community that knew and loved him most. And in being a Kansan he believed in the state; was an admirer of, as he was a partaker in, the enthusiastic spirit of its people.

STRUCK NONE TOO QUICKLY.

The consensus of opinion, the other day, seemed to be that Japan was in too big a hurry, was too anxious to get into the fight. But a dispassionate correlation of the situation proves, as subsequent events will probably show, that Japan appreciated that in delay she would lose her only chance to oust Russia.

It seems that the Russian railroad through Manchuria to Port Arthur is in grave danger, not so much from Japanese troops as from swarms of Manchus and Chinese, who are eager to do all they can to trouble the power which they regard as an invader of their country, and aid the enemies of Russia. Some reports have it that not less than 50,000 of these irregular fighters are in motion, looking for weak points in the Russian line of communication between Port Arthur and Siberia. If Japan had waited five years no such conditions could have existed. The line of the Manchurian railroad would then have been lined with Russian settlements, and Russian authority would have been so thoroughly established in Manchuria that no local element could have dreamed of shaking it.

Every year would have improved the condition of the whole line of railway through Siberia. Every year the number of Russians, all trained for military service, living in eastern Siberia, Manchuria, and even Korea, would have become greater. In many ways Russian power would have grown more vast and more available. Japan could not have made equal progress.

ABOUT THE ORDER OF ELKS.

A writer on the New York Press who may also be an actor, tells the public all about the origin and present status of the Order of Elks. About 1867-68 a handful of actors, mostly from the Bowery, held occasional meetings in a back room and called themselves "The Jolly Corks." They were convivial, charitable and benevolent. In 1885 they formed a regular organization and styled themselves "The Elks." They grew. The Elk germ was disseminated by traveling Theatricals all over the country until nearly every self-respecting actor entered the fold. By and by the bars were let down for men of other professions, and by 1895 there were 30,000 members of the order. Today there are 120,000 in round numbers.

The Elks are jolly good fellows in the better sense of the term. There are neither ranks, titles nor emoluments in the order. The average dues are about \$6 a year. The initiation fee ranges from \$15 to \$100. All Elks have equal rights under their laws. Applicants for membership must be in good health and 21 years old, must believe in a Supreme Being, must be a citizen of the United States, and must have some honorable occupation or reliable means of support. Elks are innumerable in their benefactions, but give to the needy about \$150,000 a year. Over \$1,250,000 has been disbursed in charity since the year of the organization.

THE ORIGIN OF LYNCH LAW.

The "New English Dictionary" is progressing well, the letter "L" having been completed in Vol. VI. Americans will be interested in the information supplied regarding "lynch law," which was at one time written "Lynch's law," or "Lynch's law." "The origin of the expression has not been determined. It is often asserted to have arisen from the proceedings of Charles Lynch, a justice of the peace in Virginia, who in 1782 was indemnified by an act of the Virginia assembly for having illegally fined and imprisoned Tories in 1780. But Mr. Albert Matthews informs us that no evidence has been adduced to show us that Charles Lynch was ever concerned in acts such as those which from 1817 onward were designated as "Lynch's law." It is possible that the perpetrators of these acts may have

claimed that in the infliction of punishments not sanctioned by the laws of the country they were following the example of Lynch, which had been justified by the act of indemnity, or there may have been some other man of this name who was a ringleader in such proceedings. Some have conjectured that the term is derived from the name of Lynch's creek, in South Carolina, which is known to have been in 1783 a meeting place of the "Regulators," a band of men whose professed object was to supply the want of regular administration of criminal justice in the Carolinas, and who committed many acts of violence on those suspected of "Toryism."

CARNEGIE FOR CLEVELAND.

Carnegie disliked McKinley because McKinley would not make him secretary of the treasury. And for some reason Carnegie distrusts President Roosevelt, probably because of Roosevelt's off-expressed opinion of the get-rich-quick contingent. So Mr. Carnegie has been telling the great business men of the United States that it is important to nominate and elect Grover Cleveland. He says that the Sage of Princeton would receive moral and political support from many of the more important corporate and individual interests of the United States, and especially of financial New York. Some business men have, however, reminded Mr. Carnegie that Cleveland's Venezuela message cost a panic, and that at the worst possible time, when the country was in its convalescence after the troubles of 1893-94.

RAILWAYS WILL BE WATCHED.

American railways, banking on their big earnings, have been borrowing, or in other words, bonding for immense sums for extensions and betterments. Railroad earnings will be watched with interest from now on. For almost seven years there has been a steady increase. Some months ago a number of the big systems began to show decreases in their net earnings. This decrease was the outgrowth of a very large increase in operating expenses. Other roads are now reporting a decrease in gross earnings, with a still more striking shrinkage in net earnings. This change is significant, though it is not of great importance unless the figures are vastly worse than they have been. Still, the course of the earnings will have strong influence upon the markets for some months to come.

MORE WONDERS OF RADIUM.

What new wonders shall we next hear of radium? A distinguished Russian scientist, Prince Tarkhanov, now declares that the problem of predetermining the sex of children which Prof. Schenck failed to solve will soon be settled by the use of radium. The professor asserts that he has prevented hydrophobia in dogs inoculated with rabid virus, and he showed two patients who had been cured of malignant cancer. He further vouchsafes the belief that radium, when produced in sufficient quantities will revolutionize war, for powder magazines in forts or vessels can be exploded at long distances by it. If radium should prove the means of abolishing war the peace societies would not object.

A SENSIBLE CUBAN EDITOR.

The Havana Post supports President Palma's veto of a Cuban national lottery, saying that a lottery "weakens the foundation of character by leading the intellect along the old futile notion of trying to get something for nothing." Such a sentiment from a Spanish source would not have been expected a few years ago. There is no doubt that the influence of American life, progress and success is having a healthful effect on Cuban life. Under Spanish tutelage and example the Cuban would have retained his passion for gambling and his leaning to lottery rather than to labor.

PIUS X AND THE PEN.

The new pope evidently reveres the pen rather than the sword, the press rather than the armed man. A few days ago he gently took a stylographic pen from a Protestant journalist's hand, pronounced a benediction and returned it, saying: "No one has a nobler mission than the journalist in the world today. I bless your symbol of office. My predecessors consecrated the swords and shields of Christian warriors; I choose rather to beg blessings upon a Christian journalist's pen."

WHERE SEA AND RIVER MEET.

The tide goes out, and in its peace serene
The river dreams all through the afternoon,
Or, turning drowsily, begins to croon
A lullaby along its banks of green;
And then, through rising mist but dimly seen,
There gleams a silvered star and crescent moon.
The great deep faintly chanting prayer and rune
Across the stretch of sand that lies between.

The tide comes in, and, with the passioned flow,
The river's heart goes out to find the sea,
Its utmost waters moving toward the sun;
And so, together, Life and Love must go—
Where sea and river meet, my love for me
And mine for thee must rise and be as one.
—Myrtle Reed.

Topeka is talking about buying her water works for \$500,000. Municipal ownership and operation of public utilities like water works, gas works, electric light plants, street railways and the like, are all right, except for the taxpayers. The non-taxpayer gets concessions; gets a good job and doesn't have to put up. If Topeka pays \$500,000 for those water works she will be compelled, like Kansas City, to whack up double the amount within a year or two for practically a new plant.

Marcus Hanna probably came to his death, or to the low physical condition that led to his death, through the incessant pull of politicians, and others who fear the Rooseveltian policy, for him to consent to become a candidate for president. Unquestionably a scheme for capturing the national Republican convention had been agreed upon. The strain of the situation was too much for mortal strength.

Kansas City, Missouri, can be reconciled only by congress making an appropriation of \$10,500,000 for the building of a high concrete wall around the packing houses, railway terminals and other corporate holdings located at the mouth of the Kaw and controlled by Missourians residing in said Kansas City.

The east is undergoing another unprecedented blizzard. All the blizzards of the north and east have proved unprecedented for severity, if the reports are to be believed. Up to this writing South Kansas nor Oklahoma has had any winter of any kind to speak of.

Reverend Anna Shaw succeeds Carrie Chapman Catt as president of the National Woman's Suffrage association, an association whose members suffer as much from their fear of babies as that they may fall of the chance to become ward heeler.

The Kansas State Temperance Union is now in session at Topeka. The Herald editorially assures us that it is a great force. Yes, in holding up the hands of Topeka in its struggle against its forty-two deadly drug stores.

The late Mr. Whitaker Wright observed, just before his dramatic exit from this world, that he could see no difference between himself and Messrs. Schwab and Morgan.

KANSAS HISTORY REVEALS THAT

IN 1866, FORTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO TODAY.—The drawing of town lots at Grasshopper Falls occurred. There were fifty-eight postoffices in the state.

IN 1866, THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO TODAY.—The Burlington Woolen factory had gotten into operation.

IN 1874, THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY.—It was announced that the temperance crusade would reach Kansas the next day.

IN 1886, TEN YEARS AGO TODAY.—Dr. R. Wharton, of Kansas City, an intimate friend of Lincoln's, died at the age of 94 years. About this time the Populists inaugurated a novel way of campaigning in which they toured the state with a theatrical troupe.

IN 1890, FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY.—Paddy Shea, who was charged with killing Ed Dawson, was convicted of murder in the second degree at Wichita.

THE PIKERS' LAMENT

"We weep when we come into the world, and every day tells us why."—Goldsmith.

PRATT'S PIKERS.

If I knew so much 'ain't so' as some folk, I'd write a book about it. The younger a man is, the more he knows. Said Mrs. Newrich to Mr. Newrich: "If we get it into the spring, we'll play on the piker's old thing." If it takes four statements to make a railroad man, how many does it take to make a piker's man?

The Kansas opposition should know it's good public policy to fight the devil with fire. I favor both canals and every-body suited.

Doubtless the Russian bear thought when the wily Joe booped onto him that trouble had been brain for quite a spell. And now, from all professional politicians, at home and abroad, may the good Lord deliver us!

ALMOST THE LIMIT.

Mr. Piker: I see you have started a school of matrimony. I would like to send some blank verse a gentleman friend wrote for me. I think the Eagle is real nice, especially the Pikers' column.

LEAP YEAR LESSON (NO. 2).

I knew a dude
With powdered cheeks; he had a dearest friend
Who kissed him well; that kiss did surely make
A deep impress. 'Twas not his mind, but cheek
That was impressed. And ladies, you can bet
Your "Buster" buttons that it was a dude
Whose lips, lips, lips, the awful mischief did!
The smirch was big and round, like those we made
When girls at school, when first we took in hand
Our well-linked pens and then essayed to write.

SALLY.

There are boys in Wichita from 12 to 16 years of age who speak of their parents as the old man and the old woman; it is an outrage that such boys are not tied to a whipping post whenever they speak so of their parents. It's a disgrace to the age, and if their parents have not taught them better, the authorities ought to do so. This might be taught in our public schools if the teachers could take a little time to inculcate politeness and respect in the minds of the youth.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES

Could the governor have chosen a better man for that place than Ed Marchant?

Claude McCrory, who was reading clerk in the last legislature, is too smart for the Illinois gate keepers. He is, moreover, advertising his experience.

A ball is to be given on Washington's birthday at the El Reno opera house for the officers and ladies of the fort. Oklahoma City's gold brand doesn't weigh so much.

The El Reno American declares that the evening Democratic paper became angry because the American gave some Democratic news. The wonder is, where did the American get Democratic news?

Since Hamilton, of Michigan, spoke, Shawnee is almost tempted to begin clearing the ground for the state capital.

The Shawnee News editor declares that he likes revivals better than grand juries.

Blackwell had another mad dog scare Tuesday. Blackwell should kill its present dog population and begin over again.

Henry Le Breton, of El Reno, offers \$200 to the man or boy who was hired to set fire to his building, if he will betray his accomplice. He also promises to protect the informant.

Bob Crowley, of Canadian county, is said to be breeding a representative bee in his bonnet.

R. Shannon, of Holbert, has been arrested on a charge of embezzlement, preferred by his wife. She probably needs the money.

A car load of bananas was sold out of the car at Topeka Tuesday. The shipper was afraid to go farther north, on account of the weather.

An administrator of a Missouri estate is looking for James New, in Oklahoma. New is one of the heirs.

The trial of Baker and McPherson for the murder of Rola Williams began yesterday at Perry.

The Oklahoman declares that a fight against suicide statehood now is a fight against any statehood.

Wesley Kerish, that Bohemian farmer in Garfield county who hung himself, was determined not to let alone. He compelled his family to watch him.

Fort Cobb has enough churches to warrant the Record in publishing a directory.

According to the Cordell Sentinel, Hubble Big House is dead. The name is very similar to that funny character in the Chicago Tribune. A. Bugs House.

Thomas Palmer died at his home in Canadian county Friday. He was one of the Confederate soldiers old soldiers of the territory.

The Progress is agitating the incorporation of Mountain View.

A new soda fountain is to be put in at Ames this summer.

They are known as tonorial artists at Topeka.

Alva is endeavoring to have the Western Union office moved from the railroad station up to the city. A petition is being used for this purpose.

Shawnee News: The Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce has been notified that the Okla. will not build to that city this summer, and in consequence is saying that it won't build at all. We know that the road won't go to Oklahoma City, but will be built to Shawnee.

Be Methodical.—"Method." Cecil said, "is like packing things in a box; a good packer will get in half as much again as a bad one."

A handful of kindness counts more than does a bushel of indifference. The one inspires; the other oppresses. Notice in your passing how chilling the personality of an indifferent man. He should be soaked in vinegar.

There are some people so mean and devilish that Satan will put them in an underground coal mine that they may not tarnish the character of his regular boarders.

If a person knows a whole lot, he will never have time to be lonesome or ill-humored.

Laugh and you need no tonic. Groan and you must take pills.

"Early to bed and early to rise
Makes boys and girls healthy and wise."
This early-day nursery rhyme has never been improved upon in all our later days' learning.

Too much intimacy with the ignorant in the way of social intercourse lowers your standing in their opinion. This is why a prophet has no honor in his own country.

Some people are so naturally mean and egotistical that they wouldn't say a good word about anybody else if they were offered a prize for so doing. The reason is that meanness and egotism, when combined, are the two last factors added together that count downward, and the result is either idiocy or brutishness.

Captain Stephano, who was blown up in the torpedo boat Yemassee, invented the system of laying submarine torpedoes. Here is an illustration of that old saw, "Hoist with his own petard."

If that man Rohr has his name changed to Rohr, he and his sons will literally be Rohr again, parenthetically perpetrating the Pikers' puerile punster.

There is a lad in town addicted to puns. When he asserted that government bonds were better than his dad because they were "above par," the old man thought it time for discipline, and as he raised the rod the urchin said, pleadingly: "Dear pa: No pun-ish-ment, please."

KANSAS CURRENTS

A railroad man fell down a flight of stairs at Arkansas City the other night. He must be an employee of that interurban railroad.

The Newton Kansan-Republican uses a column to give the names of the Newtonians down with the grip.

Harvey county is going to have a fair, but as yet it has not been decided who will have charge of it.

"Well man, sick man, dead man, stiff. Dig 'em up, carry 'em up, what's the diff?" This isn't an anti-machine motto; only a Kansas College yell.

There are two things that the Athletics globe says that it would like to see settled. They are the railroad shops and the weather.

Anna Eva Fay is coming to Topeka, and the town is said to be as much excited over her proposed visit as it is over one from Carrie.

The McPherson Republican reports that lots of little chickens are being hatched now. A Mahatma must have produced the eggs.

The Bell Telephone company was ordered by the council not to extend its lines at Winfield. Everybody in Winfield already knows the result.

J. K. Hudson, at Topeka, is still signing his editorials, and Bill Hackney at Winfield is still writing 'em, using fire for ink. The bottle was too short for those old war horses.

What crop is to be saved next by the newspapers?

Within a week four different Arkansas City women have lost their watches. It's a feminine hobby.

Emporia G. A. R. posts are pushing Charles Harris for department commander of the state.

Emporia has sent a club woman down to Wichita to assist in entertaining the state president, Mrs. Lewis, and is widely advertising the fact. Just the smell of gas smells that Lyons county town up.

The Barber County Index tells the old story of an untolded gun. It's too common for repetition.

An engine froze up and died at Salina the other night. Who said the corporations were cold-blooded?

Ed Hoch spoke at Winfield last night. The editorial in the Winfield Free Press that occupied the whole page is headed, "A Plain Statement of Facts." A glance shows that there would be no excuse for it not being such.

Left broken yesterday. The breakfast food trust is probably observing the same as closely as anyone.

Emporia has just had a revival, but it is said by its own citizens that what the town needs to save it is the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railroad.

The Iola Register gives its editorial page up to a Christian Science lecture. And this is the paper, too, that used so much discretion in the late Republican uprising.

Kansas is being covered with a network of telephone systems and railroads. The telephone lines are being built.

Henry Allen is making embarrassing progress in his congressional fight. Not a day goes by but that he is advertised in cartoon.

Grocery store shares on the boom at Liberal are on the decline. There are rumors of a new establishment being speedily up in that Seaway county town.

The Kinsey Mercury is quoting "New Thought." The Socialists, however, will have to wait a while before entering that field. Senator Dumont Smith will need a few weeks yet to get his new railroad in readiness to turn over to the government.

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